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## POLITICAL PIE

Being Sliced and the Pieces Are Being Promised

## BEFORE IT IS KNOWN

Many Chunks the Administration is Going to Allow Carpet-Baggers—Republican Clans Are Meeting at the Hotel Cobb

The pie was cut at the Cobb hotel yesterday afternoon and the leading Republicans of the territory are present taking part in the ceremony, all anxious to receive a share for their own maintenance or to turn it over to some political rival to devour.

In politics there is much selfishness and the pie allotted to the negro brethren of republicanism in Indian Territory will not be sliced in equal parts. It is pretty well settled where the big pieces that contain the "goody" will go, but the sharing today of the republican territorial committee, together with the gentlemen whose leadership is recognized, is for the purpose of slicing out the little chunks.

This they are doing with apparent harmony, but whether they are taking into consideration the fact that politicians without the orders may have new posts they are to send down here to assist in cracking the seat of public pay, and not be gleaned through the hard door.

The slate as arranged today may be broken into smithereens by any one of the hundreds of politicians who are known to be "close to the subject."

The Chieftain, as being outside of the state, looks on from its lofty height and enjoys the trouble.

Among the prominent leaders who are not members of the committee present at the meeting in the hotel parlors are National Committeeman W. M. Mellette, Prosecuting Attorney Soper, the only territorial committee member present upon the convening of the "gathering" were W. H. Hill of Durant and J. A. Roper of Mulvies. Those present are Chairman W. H. Darrough of Hite; Secretary Mike Conlan of Hite; P. S. Jones, Whitefield; W. Fanning, Spiro; T. B. Latham, Atlers; Cyrus B. Keen, Wynne; W. B. Johnson, Ardmore; V. Duak, Ardmore; H. S. Orten, Ryan; W. L. Sawyer, Chickasha; George W. Bingham, Miami; Leo E. Bennett, Muskogee; W. Miljan, Eufala; J. D. Seamen, Ada; Charles Whitaker, Sapulpa; W. L. Worthington, Tahlequah; W. S. Victor, Afton; C. O. Oye, Ballisaw; E. S. Bessy, Clare; C. L. Long, Wewoka and B. Bradford, Lawabab.

## UNIFORM TAXATION

The Five Nations is Recommended by Secretary Hitchcock.

The appended plat from the final report of Secretary Hitchcock, of the interior department, of interest to all persons who are in Indian Territory as their case:

"No towns have been surveyed and platted in the Cherokee nation under the provisions of the act. In the Creek nation there have been two separate commissions appointed, one for the town of Muskogee and one for the town of the plat of the town Wagoner has been completed and is now under consideration as a view to its approval.

"The plat and appropriation of Muskogee have been approved by the department. The approved plat of lots in this town aggregate \$238,136, and the expense of the commission to August 1, 1900, was \$15,022.87. Improved lands under said act are scheduled to be sold at public auction at less than their appraised value.

Notices of appraisement were filed by the commission, but application for an injunction was made to the United States court, alleging the unconstitutionality of the act, and claiming the land had not yet been surveyed.

## CHEROKEE CLAIM.

### Senate Bill Selecting Attorneys For Its Collection.

Following is a copy of the bill authorizing the appointment of agents to collect the four million dollar claim of the Cherokee nation against the government as it passed the senate:

Authorizing William E. Halsell, of Vinita, Indian Territory, and Martin L. Turner, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Territory, to represent the Cherokee nation in the matter of the claim of the Cherokee nation and Cherokee citizens, severally and collectively in the collection of the amount of money found due the Cherokee nation by James A. Slade and Joseph T. Bender, expert accountants, on part of the United States in a report submitted by them on April 28th, 1894, in accordance with an act of congress of March 3rd, 1893.

Whereas, the Cherokee nation and her citizens have a just claim against the United States, as shown by said report, which has been pending for generations, and

Whereas, the said money and the interest thereon remains unpaid, and

Whereas, a settlement of this claim has become imperative necessary at this time. Now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the national council: That William E. Halsell, of Vinita, Indian Territory, and Martin L. Turner, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Territory, are hereby authorized as attorneys in fact of the Cherokee nation, to represent the nation in the collection of said claim and the interest thereon, against the United States, of the Cherokee nation; and they, and their associates, are hereby authorized to appear before any of the executive, judicial, or legislative departments of the United States and do any and all things requisite and necessary in securing an honorable and fair adjustment or collection from the United States of any and all of said claim.

Be it further enacted: That the said William E. Halsell and Martin L. Turner and their associates, in the event of failure, shall lose their time and all expenses incident to making said collection. That they shall have no authority to involve the Cherokee nation in any expense whatever.

Be it further enacted: That ten per cent of such amount or amounts as may be collected by the said William E. Halsell and Martin L. Turner in pursuance of the authority herein granted, shall be retained by them or their associates or assigns, as compensation for such services in making said collection; and the proper officers of the United States are hereby authorized and empowered to retain the same and pay it over to the said William E. Halsell and Martin L. Turner, or their assigns, in full for their services under the contract herein authorized and directed.

Be it further enacted: That the principal chief of the Cherokee nation is hereby authorized and directed to enter into a formal contract, wherein the said William E. Halsell and Martin L. Turner shall be bound over their signatures to the terms above set forth. Provided: That in the event that the above claim is not collected, within one or more years, or before March 4th, 1903, then, in that event, the contract herein provided shall be absolutely null and void.

Be it further enacted: That the said William E. Halsell and Martin L. Turner, and their associates and assigns, shall without delay, proceed to perform the duties herein authorized.

Be it further enacted: That all moneys which may be collected belonging to the five million dollar (\$5,000,000) treaty fund of 1835; shall be paid and per capita when collected to the persons entitled thereto as set forth in the 9th article of the treaty of 1846.

Be it further enacted: That the contract entered into with Shelly, Butler & Martin, attorneys in the city of Washington, D. C., with the Cherokee delegation composed of Messrs. C. J. Harris, G. W. Benge, Roach Young, and Joseph Smallwood in compliance with and under authority of an act of the national council, entitled "Supplemental Instructions to the Delegation," approved December 12, 1896, be and the same is hereby null and void and of no binding force upon the Cherokee nation

whatever, for the following reasons:

First: The contract has no limit and runs continually.

Second: The contract has never been approved by the secretary of the interior as is contemplated in section 2103, United States statutes.

Third: It is the sense of the Cherokee people that only ten per cent be paid for the collection of this money.

Fourth: The attorneys herein named have not complied with the provision named in said contract and have made no progress looking toward the collection of this claim.

Passed the senate December 4, 1900.

## ALL MOTHERS

Should Certainly Read This Sensible Communication.

December 6, 1900.

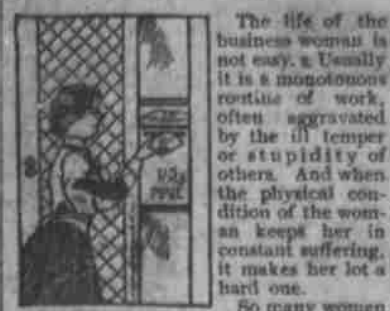
Editor Chieftain:

In the January and October numbers of a prominent and popular magazine there appeared excellent editorials on the subject of certain methods of our public school system, and the duty of the parents and patrons relative thereto. These articles referred to had reference to the "cramping system" and "home study" out of school hours, and while excellent and applicable in their places, and we heartily endorse the principles involved, yet it is to other things we wish to call the attention of the parents in our midst, more particularly the mothers—for largely in their hands lies the direction of the child's education in its youthful years. As the editor of the Home Journal says: "It is time for some direct evidence that the American parent has awakened to an interest in the schooling of the child, and intends hereafter to have something to say as to the educational methods employed."

How many mothers visit the school frequently to ascertain what methods are being used, and how much earnest and conscientious work is going on, or what is of still more importance, how many examine their children once a month to determine if they thoroughly and correctly understand what they have passed over. Of course the child can tell you how many pages they have "gone" in reading, arithmetic and geography, etc., but this is no direct proof of their knowledge of the same. Have they learned to analyze every problem passed over? Have they been taught that it is not all but the mere beginning of reading to pronounce correctly each word in the lesson and to learn the meaning of the comma and semi colon? How many parents after reading and signing the monthly reports of their children, especially if their grade be flattering, let the work of consideration and examination end there? Alas, it will not do to trust too implicitly to the grades upon these "white cards," as some mothers have found to their sorrow. As we all know, these grade cards are sent out each month for the parent's signature. One mother in particular, whose child's grade was first class, being well pleased for such marked progress, for the second grade, and her first term at school, took time from her many duties to examine the child to satisfy herself that she understood her studies as well as the grade received indicated.

She had her read the lesson of the day before and found she could not read one sentence correctly, and when asked, where was her lesson in arithmetic for the next day, the child promptly turned to page 44 in Milne's elementary arithmetic where she had been taught for two months. I quote only four questions from the lesson assigned the child: "What part of a gallon is a quart? In 16 quarts how many gallons? 9 plus 4 etc." When she found the child was in utter bewilderment as to what she should do, or how to proceed, the mother began to ask her the result of such simple numbers as 3 plus 1, 2 plus 3, etc., when the little girl burst into tears and said: "Oh, mamma, I don't know how to write my figures!"

What was really a fact, as she learned later that the child could not write the numbers from 1 to 9, and did not know one figure from another. Yet she had been given a first-class grade in arithmetic after two months study! The same thing was practically true when a child in long division was examined by the mother. Her report was very good, yet she understood absolutely nothing in the arithmetic passed over. The



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What subject was as Greek to her? What wonder that these mothers should have hesitated about signing the report cards. We might cite other instances that have come under our own observation, where the pupil's knowledge compared very feebly with the excellent grade received. But we hope enough has been said to arouse an interest and vigilance upon the part of the parents to the urgent necessity of lending their aid to the board in demanding thorough scholarship from grade to grade. The excellent grade received by children in the public school has been the subject of much comment as one gentleman remarked, the children must be prodigies, or the school is doing a remarkable work. "My own children's grades," he continued, "could not be better, but I have not taken time to examine them, but I intend doing so." Let every parent make the same resolution. There is a great cry about the crowded condition of the public school, which, perhaps is true, but is this any excuse for the issuing of false grades, as has been shown and can be proven? "A MOTHER."

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